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SUBJECT:ARTICLE IN MARCH 31 NEW YORK TIMES

1. MARCH 31 EDITION OF NEW YORK TIMES CARRIED A BACKGROUND
ARTICLE ON THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT BY MICHAEL KAUFMAN
DATELINED NAIROBI, WHICH STATED INTER ALIA THAT QUOTE:
COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL LINKS BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND
LAGOS, THE NIGERIAN CAPITAL, ARE BECOMING STRONGER. THE
FIRST MILITARY SALES.AGREEMENTS (WITH NIGERIA), INVOLVING
AMERICAN JET FIGHTERS, HAVE BEEN CONCLUDED. UNQUOTE.

2. FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCE PREPARED FOR NOON BRIEFING:
QUOTE: WOULD YOU COMMENT ON THE REPORT BY MICHAEL KAUFMAN
IN TODAY'S TIMES THAT THE US HAS CONCLUDED A SALE OF
JET FIGHTERS TO NIGERIA? ANSWER: THERE IS NO BASIS
FOR THIS REPORT. THERE HAS BEEN NO SALE OF JET FIGHTERS
NOR HAS THE NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT MADE ANY REQUEST FOR SUCH
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